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Honorable James H. Welsh Commissioner of Conservation State of Louisiana Post Office Box 44275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

James Lime Formation, Reservoir A, KINGS DOME FIELD, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EL PASO E&P COMPANY, L.P. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the James Lime Formation, Reservoir A, in the Kings Dome Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana:

- 1. To expand the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 1464-2, effective May 2, 2006, to include the James Lime Formation, Reservoir A, underlying JA RA SUC (said unit being shown on the attached plat), so as to approve the downhole combination of production from the James Lime Formation, Reservoir A, with the intervals approved for downhole combination in Order No. 1464-2.
- 2. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The James Lime Formation, Reservoir A, in the Kings Dome Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 1464-A, effective March 11, 2003.

Any pertinent data concerning this application will be available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 204, Metairie, LA 70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect any such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names

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and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter, and of the attached plat, is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to each of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and the enclosed plat, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Kings Dome Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly

David L. Smelley

Attorney for El Paso E&P Company, L.P.

DLS:dp Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)

Mr. Lew Duff (w/encls.) Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)

Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties (w/copy of plat only)

